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SUBJECT: NAMIBIA: TURNHALLE GROUP EXPLOITS NUJOMA STATEMENT

1. THE DEMOCRATIC TURNHALLE ALLIANCE (DTA) HAS MOVED QUICKLY TO EXPLOIT SAM NUJOMA'S TV INTERVIEWS REMARK REJECTING MAJORITY RULE (CAPE TOWN 0380). IN PRESS REPORTS FROM WINDHOEK, TODAY, FEB. 28, DIRK MUDGE, CHAIRMAN OF THE DTA, SPEAKING IN THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, FEB. 27, QUESTIONED SWAPO'S RIGHT TO EXIST AS A POLITICAL PARTY IN THE TERRITORY. MUDGE ASKED WHETHER SWAPO SHOULD STILL BE ACCORDED THE RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF A POLITICAL PARTY IF IT DID NOT INTEND TAKING PART IN THE ELECTIONS FOR A CONSTITUENT ASSEMBLY. MUDGE ALSO REPORTEDLY CALLED FOR THE HOME GUARD AND THE TRIBAL POLICE TO BE INCREASED SO THAT THE ELECTIONS COULD TAKE PLACE WITHOUT INTIMIDATION.

2. AS REPORTED CAPE TOWN 380. ADMINISTRATOR-GENERAL STEYN ALSO CALLED ON SWAPO TO CLARIFY ITS INTENTIONS IN LIGHT OF NUJOMA'S UNCLASSIFIED

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REMARK. ACCORDING TO FULLER PRESS REPORTS NOW AVAILABLE, STEYN SAID HE WANTED SWAPO TO SAY WHETHER ITS ACTIVITIES IN THE TERRITORY ARE AIMED AT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION OR THE VIOLENT SEIZURE OF POWER. STEYN REPORTEDLY REFERRED TO SWAPO POLITICAL MEETINGS HELD IN THE TERRITORY AND SAID "IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN MY IMPRESSION THAT THOSE MEETINGS WERE HELD TO GET MAJORITY SUPPORT." IF THIS WERE SO, HE SAID, THE AIMS OF SWAPO WITHIN THE TERRITORY

CONTRADICTED THOSE OF ITS LEADER NUJOMA.

3. THE NATIONAL PARTY ORGAN "DIE TRANSVALER" (FEB.28) REFFERING
TO THE STATEMENTS BY MUDGE AND STEYN SPECULATED THAT SWAPO COULD
BE DECLARED A BANNED ORGANISATION UNLESS THE INTERNAL LEADERS DISTANCE

THEMSELVES FROM NUJOMA'S STATEMENTS (JOHANNESBURG USIS 518).
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